

RENTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

July 2, 2001
Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Council Chambers
Municipal Building

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jesse Tanner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order.

**ROLL CALL OF
COUNCILMEMBERS**

DAN CLAWSON, Council President; KATHY KEOLKER-WHEELER;
TERRI BRIERE; KING PARKER; DON PERSSON; RANDY CORMAN;
TONI NELSON.

**CITY STAFF IN
ATTENDANCE**

JESSE TANNER, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer;
RUSSELL WILSON, Assistant City Attorney; MARILYN PETERSEN, City
Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator;
SUE CARLSON, Economic Development Administrator; MIKE WEBBY,
Human Resources Administrator; CHIEF LEE WHEELER, Fire Department;
NEIL WATTS, Development Services Director; NORMA MCQUILLER,
Neighborhood Coordinator; COMMANDER FLOYD ELDRIDGE, Police
Department.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION
EDNSP: 2001 Neighborhood
Grant Awards

Sue Carlson, Economic Development Administrator, introduced Norma McQuiller, Neighborhood Coordinator, and pointed out that as of the last Budget cycle, the Neighborhood Coordinator was added as a full-time position. Ms. McQuiller presented the 2001 Neighborhood Grant Awards to representatives of the Highbury Park Homeowners Association, Honey Creek Ridge Homeowners Association, Maplewood Glen Neighborhood Association, North Renton Neighborhood Association, Piazza Renton Association, Rolling Hills Homeowners Association, Tiffany Park Homeowners Association, and Summerwind Homeowners Association.

Ms. McQuiller explained that \$50,000 is available for neighborhood grants in 2001. Neighborhood associations are encouraged to apply for grants, and information about the application process can be obtained from the City's website at www.ci.renton.wa.us or by calling her directly. She indicated that she is available to help organize neighborhood associations, adding that the City sponsors a one-time "kick-off" picnic for newly formed associations.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORT**

Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington reviewed a written administrative report summarizing the City's recent progress towards goals and work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 2001 and beyond. Items noted included:

- ✧ The use of Federal funds by the Army Corps of Engineers has been approved to replace the Cedar River Section 205 Project Groundwater Spawning Channel that was lost due to the earthquake-caused landslide on the Cedar River.
- ✧ The Renton Recreation Youth Track and Field Program hosted over 300 young athletes, parents, and friends last Thursday at the Renton Stadium.
- ✧ The Renton Police Athletic Association donated \$500 to the City of Renton Scholarship Program; and also provided four scholarships to the Special Populations Program and three one-week day camp scholarships for this summer.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Rick Moore, 16133 SE 179th St., Renton, 98058, Chairman of the St. Anthony's

Citizen Comment: Moore – St. Anthony Church Vacation and Site Plan Process

Church Building Committee, requested direction from Council regarding how to move forward with the site plan for the expansion of St. Anthony's Church. Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator directed Mr. Moore to follow the conventional conditional use permit process; meanwhile, the City will investigate changing City Code provisions regarding the requirement of street vacations to be finalized before public hearings can be held for conditional use permits. Economic Development Administrator Sue Carlson added that the process to change the City Code can run concurrently with St. Anthony's Church site plan process, and both processes should take approximately six weeks.

Councilman Parker said that he is generally supportive of the project; however, there are some issues concerning the neighboring residents that the church needs to resolve prior to the public hearing on the conditional use permit. Responding to Council President Clawson's inquiry, Mr. Zimmerman clarified that he anticipates the Code changes concerning street vacations will be addressed before the public hearing for the conditional use permit.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.

Council Minutes of June 25, 2001

Approval of Council minutes of June 25, 2001. Council concur.

Utility: Transfer Water Service, Agreement with Bryn Mawr-Lakeridge Water & Sewer District

Utility Systems Division recommended approval of agreement with Bryn Mawr-Lakeridge Water and Sewer District in the amount of \$7,000 to transfer water service for ten existing single-family dwellings in the Skyway area from the District's water system to the City's water mains because the District's lines are old and need to be replaced. Approval is also requested to waive the outside City limit charge of 1.5 times the water rate for customers affected by the transfer of water service. Refer to Utilities Committee.

MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

Citizen Comment: Searing et al – Lande Feed Building Preservation, Relocation to Wells Ave S/Houser Way S

Electronic mail was read from Tim and Kimberly Searing, Armondo Pavone, and Charles Keeslar objecting to the proposal to relocate the Lande Feed building to the City-owned parking lot located at Wells Ave. S. and Houser Way S. The letter states that relocating the building to the parking lot would reduce available parking spaces, be a waste of public money, and be out of place and inappropriate for the area.

Citizen Comment: Sullivan – Lande Feed Building Preservation, Relocation to Wells Ave S/Houser Way S

Correspondence was read from Jim Sullivan, Sullivan Insurance, 415 S. 3rd St., Renton, 98055, expressing opposition to moving the Lande Feed building to a City-owned parking lot on Wells Ave. S. Mr. Sullivan objected to spending public money in such a manner and to the loss of parking spaces.

MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL REFER THESE TWO ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE TO THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Finance Committee

Human Resources: 2001 Reclassifications (Information Services Division)

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report regarding a compensation study for reorganization of the Information Services Division. The Finance Committee recommended concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the reorganization and reclassifications of the following classifications:

Fiscal Services Director, grade 37 to grade 38 (\$2,052);
Information Services Director (current contract employee), grade 32 to grade 38 (\$0);

Technical Services Manager, grade 32 to Information Services Manager, grade 34 (\$3,684);
 Special Project Specialist, grade 24 to Application Support Supervisor, grade 30 (\$3,840);
 Network Systems Supervisor, grade 24 to grade 32 (\$3,840);
 Information Services Operations Manager, grade 27 to Information Systems Supervisor, grade 30 (\$1,608);
 Help Desk Supervisor, grade 24 to Technical Support Coordinator, grade 21 (\$1,224);
 Lan Wan Specialist, grade 20 to Network Systems Specialist (title change only);
 Systems Analyst, grade 20 to grade 21 (\$1,140);
 Document/Data Technician, grade 8 to Form/Graphics Technician, grade 10 (\$2,016).

The following position has been added and approved in the 2001 Budget, establishing grade: Senior Network System Specialist, grade 24.

The following position has NOT been added and approved in the Budget, this grade and title are being established for future use: Database Technician, grade 24.

The above changes are effective January 1, 2001. The Administration also recommended that the City Council allocate \$19,404 from unallocated fund balance in the general fund to the Finance and Information Services Department Budget to cover the additional costs of this reorganization and reclassification. **MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR WITH THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.**

Human Resources: 2001 Reclassifications

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report regarding position reclassifications in the Finance and Information Services, Community Services and Planning/Building/Public Works Departments. The Finance Committee recommended concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the reclassifications of the following classifications:

Planning/Building/Public Works Department:

Office Assistant II, grade 3, to Office Assistant III, grade 5 (\$1,650);
 Office Assistant II, grade 3 to Office Assistant III, grade 5 (\$823);
 Office Assistant II, grade 3 to Permit Technician, grade 10 (\$1,414);
 Office Assistant II, grade 3 to Permit Technician, grade 10 (\$2,712);
 Property Services Supervisor, grade 21 to Property Services Agent, grade 25 (\$3,492);
 Mapping Supervisor, grade 27 to Mapping Coordinator, grade 29 (\$3,228);
 Lift Station Technician, grade 11 to grade 14 (\$3,336);
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 Solid Waste Maintenance Worker, grade 3 to grade 4 (\$2,262);
 Maintenance Services Worker I, grade 3 to grade 4 (\$0);
 Maintenance Services Worker II, grade 7 to grade 8 (\$4,846);
 Maintenance Services Worker III, grade 11 to grade 12 (\$46,382);
 Lead Maintenance Services Worker, grade 15 to grade 16 (\$3,492);
 Traffic Maintenance Worker I, grade 7 to grade 8 (\$0);
 Traffic Maintenance Worker II, grade 11 to grade 12 (\$5,229);
 Utility Maintenance Supervisor, grade 20 to grade 21 (\$1,344);
 Water Maintenance Services Supervisor, grade 20 to grade 21 (\$1,344);
 Pavement Management Technician, grade 16 to grade 17 (\$1,224);

Finance and Information Services Department:

Print & Mail Coordinator, grade 12 to grade 13 (\$1,104)

Community Services Department:

Secretary I, grade 5 to Secretary II, grade 7 (\$1,860);

Park Maintenance Worker I, grade 3 to grade 4 (\$2,250);

Park Maintenance Worker II, grade 7 to grade 8 (\$2,508);

Park Maintenance Worker III, grade 11 to grade 12 (\$19,746);

Lead Park Maintenance Worker, grade 15 to grade 16 (\$4,466);

Park Maintenance Supervisor, grade 20 to grade 21 (\$4,953);

Golf Course Maintenance Worker I, grade 3 to grade 4 (\$0);

Golf Course Maintenance Worker II, grade 7 to grade 8 (\$2,536);

Golf Course Maintenance Worker III, grade 11 to grade 12 (\$0);

Lead Golf Course Maintenance Worker, grade 15 to grade 16 (\$1,737);

Golf Course Supervisor, grade 20 to grade 21 (\$3,934);

Pro Shop Assistant, grade 4 (new classification added and approved in 2001 Budget, establishing grade only).

The above changes are effective January 1, 2001. The Administration also recommended that the City Council allocate \$131,209 from unallocated fund balance in the general fund among the individual department's Budgets to cover the additional costs of these reclassifications. **MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.**

Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 194003 – 194472 and two wire transfers totaling \$2,342,420.79; and approval of Payroll Vouchers 32021 – 32331 and 540 direct deposits totaling \$1,638,945.82. **MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.**

Executive: Chamber of
Commerce Quality Business
Awards, Chairman's Award to
Jay Covington

Councilman Parker announced that the Quality Business Awards were presented at a Chamber of Commerce event last week. The City's Head of the Curve Award was presented to IKEA, and the Chairman's Award was presented to Chief Administrative Officer, Jay Covington, to honor him for providing quality and innovative customer service and exemplifying the true spirit of giving back to his community.

Transportation Committee

Transportation: Curb Ramp
Installation (ADA Compliant)

Transportation Committee Chair Persson presented a report regarding American with Disabilities Act (ADA) curb ramps. The Committee recommended that Council authorize construction of needed ADA accessible curb ramps. Funding for this work is available through the City Walkway Program and is deemed necessary to provide safe and accessible mobility for wheelchair bound individuals and others with physical challenges. These general locations include:

1. Rainier Ave. S. and Grady Way
2. S. 3rd Pl. and S. 4th Pl. adjacent to Kmart
3. N. 5th St. and Wells Ave. S.
4. Grady Way and Powell Ave. SW

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADJOURN.
CARRIED. Time: 8:15 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Marilyn J. Petersen", is written over a horizontal line.

MARILYN J. PETERSEN, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Michele Neumann
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